and as such, these do not fall within the jurisdiction of the National Commission. These complaints fall within the jurisdiction of District Forums of the States/UTs.

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: When this Bill for consumer protection was introduced, the then Minister, Mr. Bhagat, hailed this Bill as a landmark in the country's socio-economic legislation. He also promised that it would be implemented within a year. But 20 months have passed and even the grievances redressal bodies have not been set up at district and State levels. I would like to know what steps the Government has taken to set up these forums at district and State levels. I would also like to know about the fate of the complaints which have been forwarded to the National Commission.

SHRI SUKH RAM: The House will be happy to know that the National Commission has already been constituted. Four Members required to be nominated have been nominated and the National Commission will start functioning very shortly.

As regards implementation part of this Act, I may inform the House that a number of steps have been taken. There are twentytwo States where Consumer Protection Councils have been constituted. In Bihar, the State Commission and a Distt. forum have been constituted. There are eight States where State Commissions and District Commissions have been notified. There are ten States where we have given approval for constitution of State Commissions and district forums, but they have yet to notify them. There are only seven States which have not taken any step so far. I have written letters to all the States so that they take necessary steps in this regard.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Introduction of watershed management technology

@*320. A. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to introduce watershed management technology through out the country in view of its success in Karnataka,

(b) if so, the details of the guidelines issued to the States on the subject; and

(c) the present position in various States regarding the watershed management?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BHAJAN LAL): (a) Adoption of Watershed Management Technology has been given priority in the rainfed areas of the country to stabilise and increase agricultural production. This approach has been widely accepted by the States including Karnataka.

(b) Guidelines issued to the States mainly emphasise land improvement, rain water conservation in-situ and improved cropping systems introduction based on the analysis of land capability and rainfall distribution.

(c) The Centrally sponsored scheme of "National Watershed Development Programme for Rainfed Agriculture" has been initiated from 1986-87 with a total outlay of Rs. 239 crores for the 7th Plan in 99 districts of 16 States.

Use of Hydrogen Peroxide for dairying purposes

*324. DR G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether item 3.9 of Technology

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